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Idaho Milk Production Up 10 Percent

Idaho milk production during March 2001 totaled 632 million pounds, up 10.1 percent from the same month last year and 12.1 percent above February 2001. Revised production for February 2001 totaled 564 million pounds, up slightly from the preliminary estimate and 5.4 percent above February 2000. However, adjusting for the extra day in February 2000 would put February 2001 production up 9.2 percent from February 2000. Average milk production per cow in March 2001 was 1,770 pounds, 50 pounds more than March 2000 and 190 pounds more than February 2001. The average number of milk cows in March was 357,000 head, 23,000 more than in March 2000, but unchanged from last month.

Nationally, March milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.4 billion pounds, down 2.2 percent from production in these same States in March 2000. February revised production at 11.1 billion pounds, was down 5.0 percent from February 2000. However, adjusting February milk production for leap year would put February milk production down 1.6 percent. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,599 pounds for March, 33 pounds below March 2000. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.76 million head, 18,000 head less than March 2000 and 9,000 head less than February 2001.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, March 2000-2001

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2001 As Percent of 2000
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona	137	140	2,115	1,880	290	263	91
California	1,501	1,570	1,825	1,785	2,739	2,802	102
Florida	157	154	1,530	1,530	240	236	98
IDAHO	334	357	1,720	1,770	574	632	110
Illinois	120	117	1,580	1,580	190	185	97
Indiana	143	151	1,435	1,470	205	222	108
Iowa	215	213	1,610	1,570	346	334	97
Kentucky	132	127	1,205	1,190	159	151	95
Michigan	296	303	1,640	1,620	485	491	101
Minnesota	540	520	1,585	1,560	856	811	95
Missouri	156	148	1,350	1,270	211	188	89
New Mexico	240	261	1,890	1,760	454	459	101
New York	698	670	1,495	1,480	1,044	992	95
Ohio	261	262	1,530	1,450	399	380	95
Pennsylvania	618	600	1,620	1,580	1,001	948	95
Texas	350	343	1,655	1,425	579	489	84
Vermont	160	153	1,515	1,495	242	229	95
Virginia	120	118	1,450	1,415	174	167	96
Washington	246	246	1,945	1,895	478	466	97
Wisconsin	1,352	1,305	1,495	1,500	2,021	1,958	97
20 STATE TOTAL	7,776	7,758	1,632	1,599	12,687	12,403	98

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

April Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on April 1 totaled 59,500,000 cwt., 9,500,000 cwt. more than on hand April 1, 2000. Disappearance, at 92,820,000 cwt., is up from last year's 83,330,000 cwt. and above 1999's 86,000,000 cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 5,100,000 cwt., 1,500,000 more than last year's 3,600,000 cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 54,400,000 cwt., were 8,000,000 cwt. above the amount stored on April 1, 2000.

April 1, 2001 potato stocks totaled a record high 154 million cwt., up 20 percent from last year and 17 percent above two years ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 33 percent of the fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from a year ago. This year's record high stocks exceeded the previous record set April 1, 1997 by 4 percent. Disappearance from the start of harvest to April 1 was a record high 308 million cwt.

Fall Potatoes: Production & Stocks 1995-00 Idaho & 15 Fall States

Crop Year	Production	Total Stocks						
		Dec 1	Following Year					
			Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1 2/
		1,000 Cwt.						
IDAHO								
1995	132,657	96,000	85,000	73,500	62,500	49,500	36,000	
1996	142,800	102,000	92,000	82,000	70,000	56,000	41,000	
1997	140,314	102,000	91,500	81,000	69,500	56,000	41,500	
1998	138,000	99,500	89,000	77,500	66,000	52,000	37,000	23,000
1999	133,330	96,000	86,000	76,500	65,000	50,000	36,000	21,000
2000	152,320	110,500	100,000	86,500	75,000	59,500		
15 STATES TOTAL 1/								
1995	394,785	256,710	223,550	189,360	156,020	115,855	75,870	
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000	461,827	309,520	272,960	235,050	198,320	154,030		

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ Stocks not available prior to 1998.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors and Local Dealers on April 1, 2000 and April 1, 2001 ^{1/}

State	Crop of 1999			Crop of 2000		
	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2000	April 1 Stocks as % of Production	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2001	April 1 Stocks as % of Production
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>		<i>Percent</i>
California	4,005	1,400	35	3,741	1,000	27
Colorado	25,762	10,100	39	27,972	10,300	37
Idaho	133,330	50,000	38	152,320	59,500	39
Maine	17,813	7,200	40	17,920	6,600	37
Michigan	14,963	2,700	18	14,963	1,500	10
Minnesota	18,020	4,700	26	21,240	8,100	38
Montana	3,325	1,650	50	3,503	2,100	60
Nebraska 2/ 3/	8,904			10,127		
New York	6,758	700	10	5,964	300	5
N. Dakota	26,400	6,900	26	26,950	9,100	34
Ohio 2/	987			1,134		
Oregon	28,020	13,000	46	30,683	13,600	44
Pennsylvania	3,080	500	16	3,510	300	9
Washington	95,200	20,500	22	108,000	33,000	31
Wisconsin	34,000	7,700	23	33,800	6,700	20
Other States		1,360			1,930	
15 STATE TOTAL	420,567	128,410	31	461,827	154,030	33

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage in 2000 totaled 29.7 million cwt..

2/Stocks from states left blank combined into "Other States."

3/ Summer estimates included with fall in 2000.

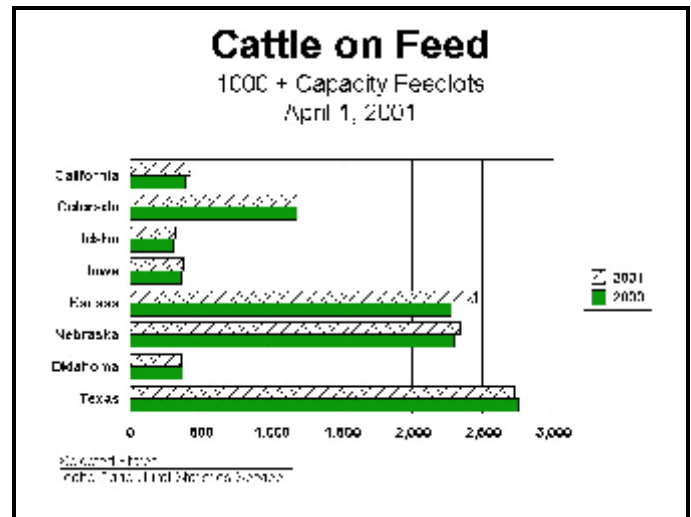
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Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head on April 1, 2001 totaled 330,000 head, up 3 percent from the April 1, 2000 inventory. The inventory was also up 3 percent from the number on hand as of March 1, 2001. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 72,000 head, up 3,000 head from March 2000 placements. Marketings during March totaled 61,000 head, up 14,000 head from March 2000 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.52 million head on April 1, 2001. The inventory was 3 percent above April 1, 2000 and 11 percent above April 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.85 million, 9 percent below both 2000 and 1999. Net placements were 1.75 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 330,000, 600-699 pounds were 416,000, 700-799 pounds were 618,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 488,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.93 million, 6 percent below 2000 and

3 percent below 1999. Other disappearance totaled 98,000 during March, 5 percent below 2000 but 38 percent above 1999.



Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	April 1, 2000	March 1, 2001	April 1, 2001		
			Number	As % of 2000	As % of March
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
Arizona	273	307	309	113	101
California	405	440	435	107	99
Colorado	1,190	1,190	1,190	100	100
Idaho	320	320	330	103	103
Iowa	375	385	385	103	100
Kansas	2,280	2,470	2,460	108	100
Nebraska	2,310	2,380	2,350	102	99
New Mexico	93	111	97	104	87
Oklahoma	380	390	370	97	95
South Dakota	200	207	215	108	104
Texas	2,760	2,840	2,730	99	96
Washington	211	245	257	122	105
Other States	405	410	395	98	96
United States	11,202	11,695	11,523	103	99

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Idaho Trout Sales Decrease

Idaho foodsize trout sales during January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 totaled \$36.9 million, down 1 percent from the \$37.3 million in 1999. The number of foodsize fish sold was 45.5 million, down 4 percent from the previous years 47.5 million. Total pounds sold were 44.5 million pounds, compared to 46.0 million pounds in 1999.

The total sales for all foodsize trout, in the 20 selected States reached \$63.7 million dollars during 2000, a decrease of 2

percent from the \$64.7 million received in 1999. The number of foodsize trout sold during 2000 totaled 58.5 million fish, down 4 percent from the previous year. A total of 59.2 million pounds were sold in 2000, compared to the 60.2 million pounds in 1999.

Based on dollar value, 69.7 percent of the foodsize trout in the 20 selected States were sold to processors. In Idaho, 99 percent of the foodsize trout were sold to processors.

Idaho Red Meat Production Up 13 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for March 2001 totaled 50.2 million pounds, up 13 percent from last year. March production was up 12 percent from February's 45.0 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-March 2001 period totaled 148.2 million pounds, up 5 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.78 billion pounds in March, down 7 percent from the 4.05 billion pounds produced in March 2000. Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 8 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.92 million head, down 7 percent from March 2000. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from the previous

year, at 1,209 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.63 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.33 million head, 6 percent below March 2000. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 264 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 23 million pounds, was down 3 percent from March 2000, which was also the previous March record low. Sheep slaughter totaled 326 thousand head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 3 pounds from March a year ago. January-March red meat production was 11.1 billion pounds, 4 percent below the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 7 percent lower than last year, pork was 1 percent lower and lamb & mutton was down 5 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	March 2000	February 2001	March 2001	March 2001 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				March 2000	February 2001
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	94.9	81.0	93.4	98	115
Colorado	188.8	153.6	168.1	89	109
IDAHO	44.6	45.0	50.2	113	112
Illinois	234.3	*207.1	217.8	93	105
Iowa	549.7	456.7	500.2	91	110
Kansas	550.7	403.6	459.1	83	114
Minnesota	185.8	164.3	186.5	100	114
Montana	1.5	1.4	1.4	96	99
Nebraska	605.5	518.1	554.7	92	107
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	95	101
Oklahoma	87.8	72.9	80.6	92	111
Oregon	3.9	3.4	3.7	95	107
South Dakota	84.6	78.7	91.0	108	116
Texas	414.8	342.5	405.7	98	118
Utah	41.2	37.9	41.4	100	109
Washington	54.1	47.9	51.7	96	108
Wyoming	0.4	0.4	0.3	73	87
UNITED STATES	4,048.2	*3,401.8	3,781.3	93	111

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

* Revised